

November 14, 2008

Ms. Deborah Orr
EPA Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Dear Ms. Orr:

The City of Rockford is pleased to submit our application to the USEPA for a \$ 200,000 Cleanup Grant for the former Ingersoll Site. This property is City-owned and includes what was once the Ward Pump Company site and the W.F. and John Barnes Company site. The site is located within an economically distressed area of the City and adjacent to the Rock River. The City has conducted site assessment activities and found that in order to redevelop and reuse some of the existing structures, the ground water contamination (petroleum) and the asbestos need to be addressed. The cleanup dollars provided by the requested grant will provide the City with the catalyst for the redevelopment of the site into a Whitewater Park with some support retail. Adjacent Brownfield properties are likely to be redeveloped as a result of this catalyst, especially the former Rockford Watch Co. factory.

This area is in desperate need of the opening up of the Rock River to public use. The site is located along the Rock River and adjacent, across the Rock River to Davis Park. This site is located within a 1.5 mile stretch of the East Bank of the Rock River where there is no public access to the River. Our goal is to redevelop the site and create a public open space amenity with both active and passive recreational use.

Applicant Identification: City of Rockford, 425 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois, 61104

- a) Grant Type: Cleanup Grant
- b) Federal Funds Requested: \$200,000
- c) Contamination: Hazardous Substances and Petroleum; Hazardous Substances , \$125,00; Petroleum, \$75,000

Location: City of Rockford, Winnebago County, State of Illinois

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Date Submitted: November 12, 2008

Project Period: October 2009 – September 2012

Population: 150,115 (2000 Census)

Other: The City of Rockford is a State designated Enterprise Zone, River Edge Zone and a “Labor Surplus Municipality”

We are at a very critical juncture at this site due to the necessary cleanup costs that are required for reuse or redevelopment for public recreational uses. In addition to this City-owned site, the City will be attempting to negotiate the acquisition of an adjacent riverfront site owned by Commonwealth Edison. This second site combined with the existing City-owned Ingersoll site dramatically increases the opportunity to create a substantial public recreational facility. New opportunities are always on the horizon

Very truly yours,

Lawrence J. Morrissey
Mayor
City of Rockford

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